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HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi TSUDA et al.

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Examiner: Lynda C. Jasmin

For:

MERCHANDISE MANAGEMENT METHOD, MERCHANDISE RECOMMENDATION

METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM THEREFOR

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on April 17, 2006. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee, is submitted herewith, making the period for response end on May 17, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.